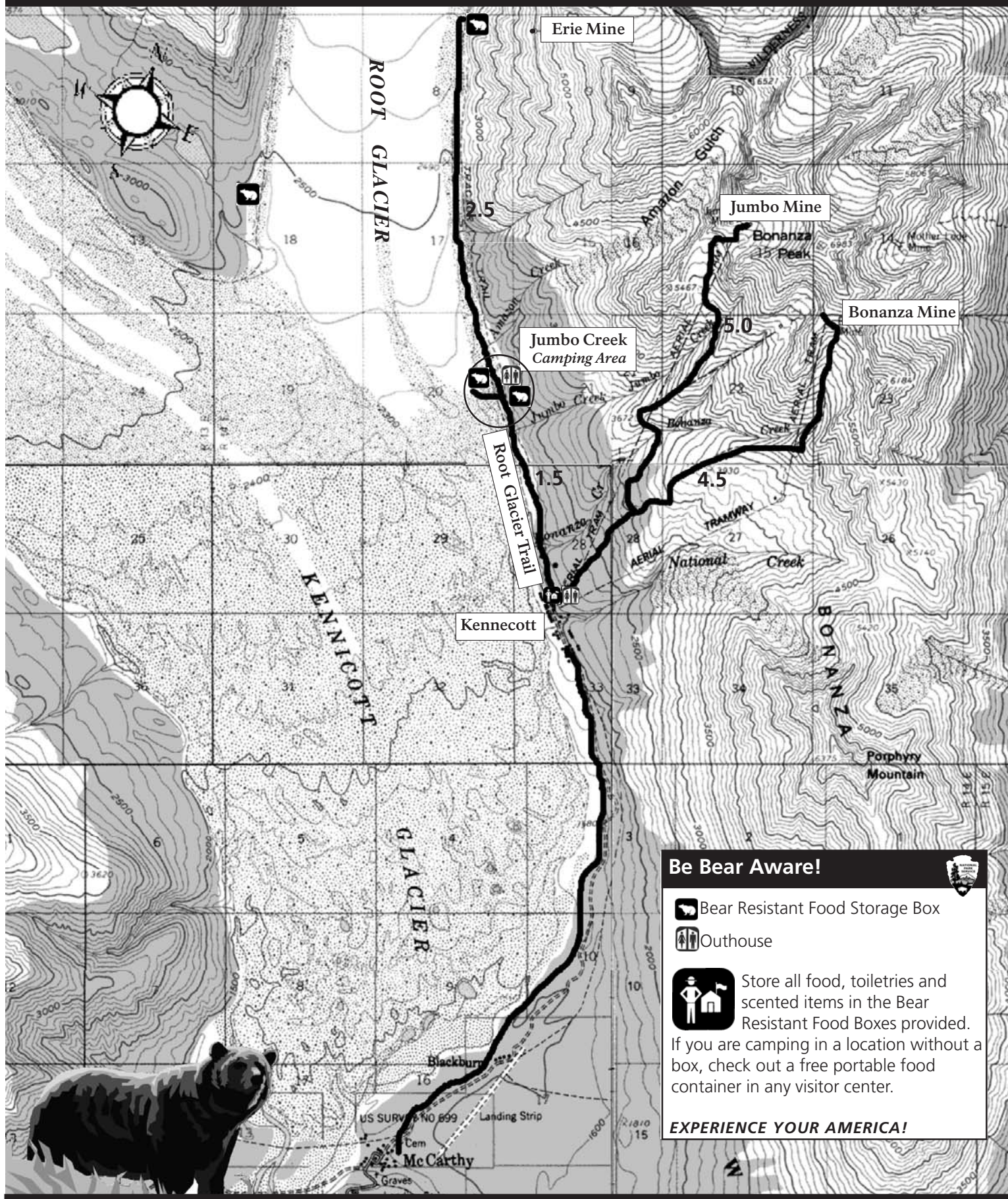


Hiking & Food Storage Map

Kennecott Mines NHL
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Information



Artifacts: Take nothing from Kennecott but inspiration for your soul, questions for your mind, and photographs for you memories. *Removal of artifacts from public lands is prohibited.*

Motorized Vehicles: Park visitors are invited to Kennecott in a pedestrian way. Please park on the west-side of the Kennicott River and take a shuttle to Kennecott. Vehicles in Kennecott are limited to private property owners and their guests. Please do not bring your ATV to Kennecott.

Area Hikes



Root Glacier Trail

The trail is easy to moderate hiking. It is approximately a 3 mile round-trip from Kennecott to the toe of the Root Glacier, or an 8 mile round-trip to the Erie Mine tram cables. This trail meanders along the lateral moraine of the Kennicott and Root Glaciers, eventually turning to the east for views of the Stairway Icefall and Erie Mine Bunkhouse.

Bonanza Mine

This is a straightforward but strenuous hike. The distance is approximately 9 miles round-trip, with a 3,800 foot elevation gain between the Kennecott Mill Town and the Bonanza Mine site. It takes 4 to 5 hours up, and 2 to 3 hours back down. Follow the old Bonanza Road out of Kennecott and enjoy the scenic views.

Jumbo Mine

A strenuous hike, it is more difficult than the Bonanza Mine trip because of heavy brush. It is about a 10 mile round-trip, with an elevation gain of 3,400 feet. Hike up the Bonanza Road past the top of the Mill Building, at the top of the 4th sharp switchback turn left onto the Jumbo trail. This intersection is marked with a sign. The lower section of the Jumbo trail is very brushy with thick alder growth.



Old Wagon Road

This is an easy to moderate hike along the old wagon road between McCarthy and Kennecott. It is approximately a 4.5 mile hike from McCarthy to Kennecott, taking 1.5 to 2 hours one-way. It is a pleasant trail slowly ascending through the forest, with some views of the mountains and the old Kennecott graveyard. A side trail, about 1 mile from McCarthy, will bring you to the terminal moraine at the toe of the Kennicott Glacier. This area has incredible views up the Kennicott Valley. The old wagon road is also a nice (but rocky and bumpy) bike ride, especially downhill!







Bears

Both black bears and grizzly/brown bears live in the Kennicott Valley. From mid-July to late August, black bears frequent the area to feed upon ripe soapberries. Be observant while hiking. Do not interrupt the bears' feeding and give them plenty of space. It is best to avoid all encounters with bears.

- *Make noise, particularly where visibility is limited. Your voice is best.
- *Travel in groups; groups are noisier and easier for bears to detect.
- *Store food, trash and smelly items in a bear resistant food container. Never store food in your tent.
- *Cook and store all food at least 100 yards from your tent.

Bear Encounters



-  If the bear appears to be unaware of you, detour away quietly. *Do Not Run!*
-  If the bear sees you, stop where you are. Wave your arms and talk to the bear in a clear loud voice. Retreat slowly, keeping the bear in sight.
-  If the bear follows you, stand your ground. *Do Not Run!*
-  If contact by a grizzly bear is imminent, play dead. Curl up into a ball or lie flat on the ground, face down and legs apart. Protect your neck. Leave your pack on to protect your back. If the attack is prolonged, fight back vigorously.
-  If it's a black bear, fight back vigorously.
-  Report all bear encounters to a park ranger